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FOR THE SECRETARY'S PARTY FOR MR. HARTMAN

1. IN PREPARATION FOR US-SPANISH COUNCIL MEETING MAY 12,
WE HAVE REVIEWED THE VARIOUS REPORTS OF THE JOINT COMMIT-
TEES, ESPECIALLY THE REPORT OF THE AD/HOC COMMITTEE ON
COORDINATION WITH NATO. THIS MESSAGE CONTAINS OUR RE-

ACTIONS AND SUGGESTIONS FOR THE SECRETARY'S REMARKS IN THE COUNCIL WHEN THE REPORTS ARE CONSIDERED UNDER AGENDA ITEM II. IT SUPPLEMENTS THE UP-DATED AND ANNOTATED AGENDA PAPER SUBMITTED IN MADRID 3585.

2. NON-MILITARY COMMITTEE REPORTS: WE SEE NO SIGNIFICANT ISSUES RAISED BY THE REPORTS OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY OR THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THEREFORE SUGGEST THAT THE SECRETARY SIMPLY INDICATE OUR APPROVAL. THE REPORT OF

THE JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE LIKEWISE MAY BE APPROVED WITH NO SUBSTANTIVE COMMENT NECESSARY. HOWEVER, IF THE SPANISH SIDE RAISES ITS CONCERN THAT THIS COMMITTEE MUST DO MORE TO RESOLVE BILATERAL TRADE ISSUES, SUCH AS COUNTERVAILING DUTY CASES, WE SUGGEST THAT THE SECRETARY TAKE THE LINE THAT WE ARE ALWAYS PREPARED TO CONSULT ON BILATERAL QUESTIONS AS WELL AS ON RELATED ECONOMIC MATTERS BEING CONSIDERED IN MULTILATERAL DISCUSSIONS SUCH AS THE MTN AT GENEVA.

3. MILITARY COMMITTEES: STATE AND DOD CONCUR ON THE REPORTS OF THE POLITICAL MILITARY ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE AND THE JOINT MILITARY COMMITTEE. GENERAL BROWN WILL COMMENT ON THE WORK OF THE JOINT MILITARY COMMITTEE. THE SECRETARY MAY WISH TO EXPRESS GENERAL SATISFACTION WITH THE WORK OF THESE COMMITTEES, PARTICULARLY IF AGREEMENT HAS BEEN ACHIEVED ON THE START-UP DATE FOR THE COMBINED MILITARY STAFF.

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4. AD HOC COMMITTEE ON COORDINATION WITH NATO: STATE AND DOD CONCUR ON THE REPORT TO THE COUNCIL CONTAINED IN MADRID 3450. HOWEVER, WE ARE SOMEWHAT CONCERNED, BASED ON THE ACCOUNT OF THE RECENT MEETING OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTED IN MADRID 3478, THAT THE SPANISH PARTICIPANTS ARE INCLINED TO GET TOO FAR OUT IN FRONT OF EVENTS. FOR EXAMPLE, WHILE WE MAY AT SOME POINT WISH TO DISCUSS STEPS TOWARD SPAIN-NATO TIES WHICH INVOLVE THE INSTITUTIONS OF NATO, WE WOULD PREFER TO SEE MORE PROGRESS ACHIEVED ON OUR EARLIER LISTS OF PROPOSED LINKS WITH INDIVIDUAL NATO MEMBERS, BOTH TO TEST THE RECEPTIVENESS OF ALLIANCE GOVERNMENTS AND TO CONFIRM THE READINESS OF THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT TO MOVE OPENLY TOWARD NATO.

5. FYI: WE HAVE SIMILAR RESERVATIONS ABOUT THE SPANISH PROPOSAL FOR A STUDY ON THE IMPACT THAT SPAIN-NATO LINKS MIGHT HAVE ON US-SPANISH BILATERAL RELATIONS. WE BELIEVE THAT SUCH A STUDY IS PREMATURE AND MAY IN FACT NOT BE

NECESSARY, SINCE WE ARE NOT CONVINCED THAT ACTUAL SPANISH PROGRESS TOWARD NATO MEMBERSHIP WILL OCCUR IN A MANNER AFFECTING IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 1976 TREATY OR OTHER BILATERAL COOPERATION. END FYI. WE THEREFORE SUGGEST THAT THE SECRETARY, IN EXPRESSING OUR CONTINUED AND FULL SUPPORT OF SPANISH MEMBERSHIP IN NATO, AND OUR APPROVAL OF THE REPORT OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE, SIMPLY NOTE THAT WE BELIEVE THAT THE COMMITTEE SHOULD FOCUS ON THOSE STEPS WHICH SEEM MOST LIKELY TO HAVE IMMEDIATE PRACTICAL RESULTS, AT A PACE COMMENSURATE WITH SPAIN'S APPROACH TO THE OVER-ALL QUESTION OF FULL NATO MEMBERSHIP.

6. SUBJECTS SUITABLE FOR DISCUSSION UNDER AGENDA ITEM III ARE COVERED IN THE SECRETARY'S BRIEFING BOOK.

7. FOR MADRID: PLEASE PREPARE CONSOLIDATED SET OF AGENDA TALKING POINTS, BASED ON ABOVE, FOR INCLUSION IN THE CONFIDENTIAL

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SECRETARY'S BRIEFING BOOK ON HIS ARRIVAL. CHRISTOPHER

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